A further Testimony to Truth; or, some Earnest Groans for a Righteous Settlement, in this hour of distraction, agreeable to the late Essay, so suitably offered by some Friends and Brethren, to this purpose: By some Baptized Congregations, and other Cordial Lovers and Assertors of the Publick Good Old Cause, in the Counties of *Leicester, Nottingham, Rutland, Lincoln, Stafford, Darby,* and *Shropshire.*

To all that bear good will to *Zion*, and love the Lord Jesus, that have either power, opportunity, or hearts to appear for Him, and his Righteous Cause, in this Day.

THat in sense of the late eminent and wonderful appearance of the Lord, who hath pleased not only thereby to work out so miraculous a salvation and deliverance for a poor scattered and divided handful of his unworthy people, from the rage and malice of a potent, united, and inraged enemy, that like Bees on every side rose up against them.

But more especially, and that which is more worth then thousands of our Lives and Liberties, has he given such good hopes (by his still continued Revolutions and Over-turnings) of reviving his blessed Cause again in the midst of us, after so many years death upon it; *viz.* The Exaltation of the Kingdome and Intereſt of Jesus Christ, the glorious King of Saints and Nations, in the promised ruine and downfall of the Tyrannous, Beastly, and Antichristian Interest, which for so many hundred years has so bloudily domineer'd in the earth.

We therefore having our hearts somewhat warmed and affected herewith, seeing as yet so little improvement of the opportunity once more offered, do take our selves concerned, with others of our dear Brethren that have gone before us herein, to be pleading and crying out for those things which the Lords late Voice seems loudly to call for at our hands.

And first; we desire in sense of his great goodness, (and as we would be serviceable to the Lord in his great designs on foot) earnestly to stir up our selves, and all the Lords people that are any way toucht with his late gracious Appearance, to a speedy, thorough, and serious search, how far any have had heart or hand in the late Dreadful Revolt and turning aside from the Lord in that fearful Apostacy, by setting up, standing by, or flatteringly addressing to either of those two persons, or others, that in opposition to the Work and Cause of God, has in chief been set over us, occasioning so much Atheisme, Reproach, and Blasphemy: And that as any may be justly chargeable herewith, that there be accordingly a hearty return to the Lord, by a suitable repentance, taking the shame, and giving God the glory.

Secondly, that since the Lord has been pleased once again, by his distinguishing Providence, upon the late decision, to make a visible separation betwixt friends and enemies; (and so far to unravel the Apostacy, whose chief work it was to twist all Interests together, as though Christ and Antichrist were to be united) that in order to common preservation and protection, and the securing our beings, all speedy and lawful wayes may be taken for the incorporating, uniting, and impowering all known friends; the discountenancing, weakning, and outing all known enemies.

And thirdly, we do, as in conscience bound, cry out for some speedy exemplary Justice and punishment upon the heads of all sorts that had their hands in the late Treason and Rebellion, that occasioned the expence of that Blood and Treasure, and gave such general disturbance throughout these three Nations.

And fourthly, in order to our well-being, and carrying on a thorough Reformation so long groaned after, and bled for, we loudly call out for that holy, equal, brief, and plain Law given by God in the Scriptures, to be the declared Law of these Nations, in opposition to the heathenish, tyrannous, and Popish Laws yet in force amongst us: And that men that are best read, and practised, and most answering the qualifications of Magistrates, according to Scripture-Rule, *viz.* men of courage, fearing God, and hating covetousness, may be only imploy'd (as near as possible) to dispence and execute under Christ this righteous Rule, in opposition to the ignorant, prophane, and scandalous; that so also some speedy course may be taken to suppress that dilatory, vexatious, and oppressive way, that has so long been exercis'd by the mercenary, cruel, and covetous Lawyers, the shame of our Nation, and so utterly (in their corrupt course of practise) inconsistent to a Commonwealth.

Fifthly, that as the most effectual way to suppress and remove the Antichristian Ministery, (who have been such Ring-leaders in this late Rebellion;) and so consequently to promote and propagate the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and the New-Testament-Ministration thereof: First, we claim, that the imposition of that Jewish and Antichristian yoke of Tythes be removed: And the rather;

First, Because we find neither Law of God, nor by his Providence any from man, at this day, to inforce the same.

Secondly, Because of late there has been that light, that strength of Reason and Argument offered to publike view, both from the Laws of God and Man, that none has been able to stand before, or rationally to reply unto: See *Milton, Pierson, Osburn, &c.*

And secondly, that as an intolerable burden, inconsistent with the Liberty of Conscience unto all, the Rulers forbear for ever to impose any National or Parochial Ministery, so as to inforce any form of Worship suited to their interest, or compel men of one perswasion, to maintain any man of another in the Ministery, or to lay a stumbling-block in the way of unbelievers, to the derogation of Christ, by compelling them to maintain his Ministers.

And lastly, the better to make all this practicable, and to remove all lets out of the way, we do most earnestly beg and cry aloud for a speedy and effectual applying the Rule laid down by the late Rulers, so agreeable to the Word of God, to all Officers in Publike Trust, both Civil and Military, throughout the Nation, which we herewith insert, wishing it may be writ in Letters of Gold, for every one to take notice of, that he that runs may read; *viz.* That Declaration of the ninth of *May*, 1659. *That all such as shall be in any place of Trust and Power within this Commonwealth, be able for the discharge of such Trust, and that they be persons fearing God, that have given testimony of their true love to all the people of God, and of their faithfulness to the Cause of this Commonwealth.* And that all such as answer not this wholesome Rule, (thus by Gods Providence own'd, laid down, and asserted, as the qualification to Magistracy and Trust) be speedily removed all places of Authority and Trust, and others be forthwith still called, answering the same; that our enemies be not our Judges, nor rule over us: And that there may be a Publike Liberty to charge; and that it may be penal for any to continue, that are found unanswerable thereto.

Attested and subscribed in the Name, and by the appointment of the respective Congregations under-written, *viz.*

LEICESTER AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRES.

Leicester.
William Inge
Robert Coltman
Edmond Perkinson
Thom. Pharren
George Hopkins
Rich. Hardy

Quarndon.
Ed. Smith
Rob. Stevenson
Fr. Harris
Edw. Thornton
William Hull
George Shittlewood
Tho. Heford

Loughborough.
William Parker
William Sadler
Thom. Berington
George Tomlinson
Jo. Quinton
Rob. Peale

Winswould.
Edw. Blount
Thom. Feaks
Thom. Hill
Jo. Blunt
Edw. Thomson
Gabriel Leake

Twiford.
Jo. Louth
William Mobery
William Pocklinton
Ri. Hill

Ratby.
Ri. Booth
Daniel Cox
Jo. Garner
Steven White
Peter Symkin
William Cox

Markfield.
George Moore
Nicholas Ward
Peter Sykes
Thom. Bunney
William Sykes
Jo. Moore

Knighten.
William Wells, *Sen.*
William Wells, *Jun.*
Thom. Carthright
Ri. Carthright
Rob Coltman
Ed. Heggs
Ed. Brooks

Langton.
Hen. Hartshorn
Thom. Grewcock
Barthol. Cox
Dennis Wright
William Charton
Thom. Iminges

Watham.
Tobias Watson
Jo. Darker
Thom. Bishell
Hen. Redgate
Ed. Templeman
Pet. Smith

Nottingham.
Charles Jarman
George Tacey
Thom. Gerey
Rob. Shering
William Bush
Matth. White
Jo. Rick

Thornton.
Ri. Fletcher
Ri. Man
Thom. Graunt
Steven Bunney
William Newbould
Ed. Sketchley

Rutland, Lincolnshire, Staffordshire, Derbyshire, and *Shropshire.*

Burleigh.
Thom. Smyth
Ri. Wale

Westby.
William Pridgen
Thom. Worth

Burton.
Luke Budworth
John Blundill

Darbyshire-Peak.
Robert Daken
Thurstone Wright

Thorpe.
Jo Osburn
James Tiptaft

Burne.
VVilliam Bell
Jo. Skyrrit

Halmer-end.
Tho. Sillito
Tho. Beech

Narborough.
Jo. Bishell
Jo. Measure

Witham.
William Hidson
VVilliam Bell

Shrewsbury.
Rich. Newton
VVill. Highway

Thirlbye.
Jo. Wilkinson
Rob. Perk

Stafford.
VVilliam Elives
Rich. VViftons

Ludlow.
David Jones
VVill. Haiton

Sweaton
Rob. Towers
Jo. Foster

Berrey-Hill.
Henry Haggar
Tho. Ginder

Darliston and *Elsmeer.*
Arthur Atkin
George Chathcock

Easton.
Jo. Allin
Sim. Ingram

Litchfield.
Lawrence Spooner
John Cupper

Bridgenorth.
Walter Gaferis
Tho. Law

An Assent also hereunto has been given by the *Warwickshire* Churches, whose subscriptions, through some miscarriage, came not timely to hand.

This Testimony was intended before the late Change, though not unseasonable (as we judge) to be now publish'd; trusting these great and astonishing Revolutions will but make the more way the accomplishment of our just desires herein. Hoping the chief Instruments hereof, will now be the more ingag'd heartily to return to the Lord, and to prosecute their former Resolu- wagements to Christ herein (in the day of their straights: if not, we shall again minde them of that seasonable Word, so lately laid before them, Num. 32.23. And that if in this [illegible] enlargement and deliverance arise some other way, &c. Est. 4.14.

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